

NEWS and NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS, SISTER JOHNSON !

On 2nd August, Sister I. B. Johnson completed 35 years as an Officer in the Church Army. She was presented with her fifth Service Star (one for every 7 years' service) at the Church Army Birthday gathering in Newcastle on Sunday, 4th August. Sister Johnson has had a varied ministry. She spent many years on mission stations at Palm Island and Edward River, and later worked amongst women and girls in the Inner City of Sydney. Since 1967 Sister has worked as a hospital visitor in Newcastle, N.S.W.

SISTER E. CAMPBELL : We add our warm congratulations to those expressed by the Riverwood Parish on the Vocational Service Award recently received by Sister. The following appeared in the Parish news sheet on Sunday, 7th July — "Our heartiest congratulations to Sister Campbell who last Monday received the 1974 Vocational Service Award from the Rotary Club of Riverwood. The award for outstanding service in the spirit of 'service above self' was a fitting tribute, well deserved . . ."

CECIL PEARSON : We record with sorrow the death of a former Board Member, Mr. Cecil Pearson. He gave some ten years' service to the Board and very rarely missed a meeting. We also record our sympathy to Mrs. Pearson.

40th BIRTHDAY CAKE : While many people contributed towards the 40th Birthday of the Church Army in Australia, we owe special thanks to Mrs. L. F. Haines, of Cabramatta, N.S.W., who made the Birthday Cake. Our thanks go, also, to her daughter, Roslyn, who arranged for the cake to be iced by Mrs. Dehn.

VISITORS FROM NEW ZEALAND : The students in our College in Belrose, N.S.W. are training to be officers in the Church Army in Australia and in New Zealand. An important part of each year's activities is a visit from the Dominion Director of the Church Army in New Zealand, Captain J. A. Dewdney, and his wife. Captain Dewdney was in Australia from 19th July to 6th August, to conduct lectures for all the students, and more particularly, to observe and talk with his own students in their studies and practical work situations.

His visit coincided with the 40th Birthday, and he and his wife were able to join other officers in a programme of deputation. They spoke at a large number of services in the Sydney Parish of St. Anne's Ryde, and at St. Alban's, Charlestown, in the Diocese of Newcastle.

NEW BABIES : We are always thrilled to welcome new additions to the Church Army Family, and especially when the newcomers are babies. Captain Mike Tobin and his wife, Irene, have a second daughter, Deborah, born on 8th July. Mark Lawrence, born on 29th July, is the first child of Captain Ron Wallis and his wife, Mary. A warm welcome, Deborah and Mark !

40th BIRTHDAY APPEAL : We continue to give thanks to God for all those who support the work of the Church Army, and particularly for the generous response to our recent Birthday Appeal. We specially want to thank those who sent anonymous donations or requested us not to send a receipt. To date, the total for the Birthday Appeal is \$2,400.00.

A Badge for Church Army Supporters

At a recent meeting of the Church Army Officers' Committee, it was suggested that badges be available for purchase by supporters. We feel that many people would like to identify with the Society in this way, and that the Badge could be a further means of advertising the work. It would be the official Church Army emblem on a shield background, and measure 5/8" x 5/8".

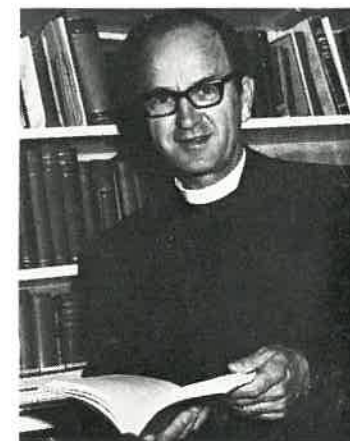
However, before going ahead with the idea, we would like some indication of people's interest. Please write to Captain Gwilt at Federal Office to let him know your thoughts about it.

A New Bishop

We were very delighted at the announcement, some weeks ago, that Archdeacon Neville Chynoweth had been elected to become the Assistant Bishop of the Canberra/Goulburn Diocese. His consecration is to take place at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, 18th October.

Neville Chynoweth has been a Church Army Board Member for many years and, at one time, helped with lecturing at our Training College. In addition to these Church Army activities, he has been a personal supporter of our work, and, at all times, a good friend and advocate of Church Army.

Church Army officers in the Sydney area look forward to attending the Service of Consecration and so sharing with him on that special occasion.





TEAM MINISTRY

"Do they always reject God's messengers?" "Can they help being evil?" "Does God care about them?" These were some of the questions being discussed by members of a Sunday School class, in relation to the Old Testament story of Jonah and the need of repentance and commitment of their own lives to God.

The teacher of the class? — Captain David Hinchliffe.

David and his wife, Diana, share a ministry in the township of Dapto and the surrounding area, about 95 kilometres south of Sydney. It is a rapidly growing area — at present the population is about 25,000.

One could almost be forgiven for being envious of the Hinchliffes. Their "accommodation" in the Parish is a two storey residence on a dairy farm. Occasionally, several calves wander past the garden gate. Through the windows of the Church at South Dapto, one can see cars moving along the Princes Highway, and, more peacefully, numerous gum trees, and farms nestled in amongst the nearby hills.

David is the Superintendent of the Sunday School at South Dapto. Diana's Bible College training, and experience in parish work before her marriage, is enabling her to work alongside David in some areas of his work. She plays the piano accordion for opening worship at Sunday School, and is the teacher in charge of the very small children.

Growing Together

A recent development in the Parish has been the formation of a "couples' group." Several young marrieds meet regularly in different homes for general friendship, and informal talks and sharing about the Christian life. David and Diana instigated this group, but the leadership is shared amongst all members.

Ministry to the Retired

As a Parish Evangelist, David is involved in activities such as Church Services and visiting people in their homes. He meets with children and young people in scripture classes at school and in the Youth Fellowship.



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SPREAD THE WORD

Recently I came across the following quotation by Thomas à Kempis.

"If he shall not lose his reward who gives a cup of cold water to his thirsty neighbour, what will not be the reward of those who, by putting good books into the hands of those neighbours, open to them the fountains of eternal life."

How true these words are today, although written many years ago. In recent times, much has been said about pornography in our society. It is urgent, then, to put into the hands, of young and old alike, Christian literature that will lead them to a closer relationship with Christ. So many people today give Christian books for birthday and Christmas presents, while others pass around books that they have found helpful. Some have libraries, in order to lend books around a parish or community. These are ways of making available to people books that otherwise they may not read.

Last year a staff member developed a ministry of selling books in schools in the Newcastle area. Many librarians showed interest in Christian books and pictures. We ask for your prayers and support to enable this work to continue.

This work of evangelism, through the printed word, continues to prove that "the pen is mightier than the sword" in our fight for the Saviour of the world.

(Captain) Neil Payne.

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THE WORLD WIDE CHURCH ARMY :

The Church Army was founded in England in 1882 by Prebendary Wilson Carlile. It is a lay society of men and women Evangelists of the Anglican Communion. Other autonomous societies were founded in the U.S.A. in 1927, Canada 1928, Australia 1934, New Zealand 1935, Eastern Africa 1962, Jamaica 1969. Officers from some of these societies are also at work in Germany, South America, Malaysia, South Africa, Belize, Cyprus, Holland and West Pakistan.

CHURCH ARMY PRAYER CALENDAR

The following are suggestions for prayer, covering all aspects of the work over a period of 12 weeks.

1st Week: The Executive Board: (names on page 2) the bi-monthly meetings.

2nd Week: Federal Office: Captain R. L. Gwilt (Federal Secretary), Mrs. Gwilt, Peter, Stephen, Andrew and Timothy; Sister P. A. Free (Staff Sister); Mrs. E. Burton (Stenographer); The Sydney Women's Auxiliary.

3rd Week: Newcastle Bookshop: Captain N. A. R. Payne (Manager), Mrs. Payne, Andrea, Mark and Elizabeth; Mr. I. Lean (Accountant), Mr. Wilson (Assistant).

4th Week: New Housing Areas: Captain R. Harris (Youth Director), Mrs. Harris, Glenda and Kerry, Green Valley, N.S.W.; Sister B. J. Rilatt, Lockridge/Eden Hill, Perth, W.A.

5th Week: Children's Homes: Sister N. J. Bridges (Matron), Farr House, Springfield, S.A.; The Rev. Captain N. Polgen, St. George's Homes, Rockhampton, Qld.; Sister E. N. Bacon on leave of absence.

6th Week: Aboriginal Work: Captain and Mrs. A. Malcolm, Andrew and Ruth, Brewarrina, N.S.W.; Captain A. Polgen, Sydney, N.S.W.

7th Week: Hospital Work: Sister I. B. Johnson, Newcastle, N.S.W. and the work of the Newcastle Women's Auxiliary.

Industrial Evangelism: Captain D. O. Quayle, three factories at Granville, Cabramatta and Homebush in Sydney.

8th Week: Retired Officers: The Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Batley, Captain and Mrs. C. Fisk, Sister G. A. Phillpot, Sister M. Pritchard, Mrs. J. S. Cowland.

9th Week: Parish Evangelism, City: Sister E. Campbell, Riverwood, N.S.W.; Captain K. Donaldson, Kalamunda, W.A.; Captain and Mrs. R. King, Ronwyn and Howard, Randwick, N.S.W.; Captain and Mrs. R. Wallis, Mark, Kingsford, N.S.W.

10th Week: Parish Evangelism, Country: Captain W. Darnley, Gladstone, Qld.; Captain and Mrs. L. Fernance, Faith, Emmaville, N.S.W.; Captain and Mrs. D. W. Hinchliffe, Dapto, N.S.W.; Captain and Mrs. B. Mattinson, Andrew, Christopher, Warwick and Stuart, Campbelltown, N.S.W.; Captain and Mrs. M. Tobin, Julie and Deborah, Cootamundra, N.S.W.; Sister J. Leslie (awaiting appointment).

11th Week: The Training College: The Rev. D. G. Livingstone (Hon. Warden), Captain F. D. Clarke (Training College Officer). Students, Kevin Cullen (Mrs. Lyn Cullen and Anthony), Lorraine Dorrington, and Florence Herman for Australia, Richard Dyer and Roy Argent for New Zealand; Mrs. Lyn Brophy (cook). All lecturers. Training College and Candidates' Committee.

12th Week: Youth Work: Captain and Mrs. J. Joy, Sharon and Heather, "Burgmann House" Hostel, Newcastle, N.S.W.; Captain J. McKnight, "Alternative Culture" groups evangelism, Binna Burra, N.S.W.; Captain K. Donaldson, part-time Youth Chaplain, Diocese of Perth, W.A.; Captain and Mrs. R. G. Eland, Lance and Paul, temporary work, Sydney.